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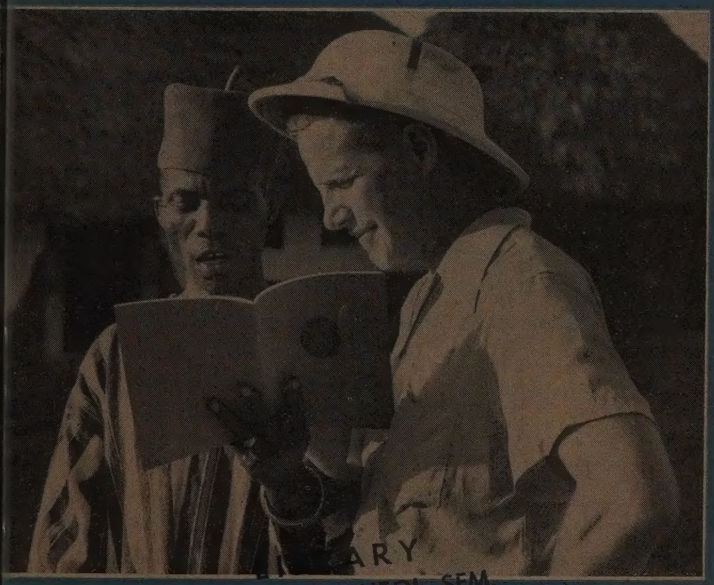

Wesley Sadler and a Liberian village chief

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Our Cover Picture

Dr. Wesley Sadler, pioneer in linguistic work in our Liberian field, has set the Lom dialect to writing, and his translation of St. Mark's gospel is being published by th American Bible Society in Loma. He is active in the adult literary campaign of th Liberian government — a campaign inspired by two visits of Dr. Frank Laubach.

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ssionary Wonders

RED J. FIEDLER

Christian medical work is an effective instrument in evangelism

IE WONDERS of God were told by onaries at the first convention of hurch in Jerusalem. Missionaries till telling those wonders of God .

.. Lowell Yund in Liberia calmly res to a blind village chief, that a careful eye operation he will le to see again. Friends in Amer- ear about this from Dr. Yund and ly gather money together to send the necessary instruments for an ation to remove a cataract. Sev- months later, we learn that the ge chief is joyful in being able to gain. He is completely won to the ship of the missionaries. His e tribe is open to the Gospel age because of the confidence es- hed in him by the restitution of ght.

ssionary Wesley Sadler has spe- ed in linguistic work and has ed to writing one of the lan- s of Liberia, the Loma tongue. he is teaching people to read ie is supplying them with book- nd pamphlets written by him- n their own tongue. A whole new l is open to the people who are quickly transformed from illi- s to literates and they have utter

DR. and MRS. LOWELL YUND
Zorzor Missionaries

trust in the words of those who have made this possible for them.

"I have read the story of Jesus and I want to be baptized." One after another of these newly literate people come to Missionary Sadler with this declaration. One man who had learned to read requested permission to preach a sermon in his village. He was not a Christian. Missionary Sadler asked him what he wanted to say and his answer was: "I have read the story of Jesus and I must share what I know with the people of my village." Dr. Sadler gave him permission to preach the sermon. How much more effective is this message when it comes

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to people in their own tongue and from the lips of one of their own people!

White Angel to Hundreds

Esther Bacon, R.N., has been a "white angel" to hundreds of women and children of the hinterland in Liberia. She has seen the horrible cost of ignorance as village women tell her that they have lost three out of four children in infancy or at birth. Mothers suffer from the hands of ignorant, bungling midwives, who have no knowledge even of the value of cleanliness. Two women who came to the little hospital at Zorzor for confineent had borne, each of them, fifteen children, all of whom were dead. The sixteenth child, born in the mission hospital, in each case, lived. Gradually the news of such experiences is spread abroad. Here and there a brave village woman dares to disregard the orders of the native medicine man. She comes to the hospital and puts herself in the care of the nurse and the doctor.

Many a woman in the Zorzor region today can be seen going about her work at home or on the farm with a baby strapped to her back and a bottle of boiled water hanging at her side. She has learned from Esther Bacon the danger of unboiled water and she has proved that boiled water prevents dysentery. She can point to her baby as one that has never had dysentery, a veritable distinction in any inland African village.

These are some of the wonders which have been performed among the people of the African bush. Th are wonders of methods established gain the confidence of the people a to their readiness to hear and foll the message of the Gospel. Docto nurses, educators, and literacy wo ers all testify to the African, of t Saviour in whose Name and whose command, they have co from a far away country to share gifts of God with others.

No Milk in the Jungle

What happens to babies wh mothers die in child birth? The v lage dwellers know the answer: "Th perish". One of our Liberian nur was traveling from the coast reg to the Zorzor mission hospital in t interior and stopped overnight in small village. She was awakened cries in the night and she knew t meaning of it—a woman had died the village. Not long after she a swered to a knock at her door. T father of a newborn child begged h to take the infant and care for it. was resisting the custom of buryi the child with the dead mother. T nurse, knowing the country, ask what the chief said. The father's a swer was: "The chief say, 'Y know custom'." The nurse took t child to the hospital at Zorzor. Und her care it lived. She could provi canned milk sent from Americ There is no milk in the jungle. T mother's death means that a baby ca not have food. It has no chance. T African stolidly accepts this fate. T Mission hospital can help many wi canned or powdered milk but it m well be that a more far-reaching st

ZORZOR OPERATION SCENE

perations used to be performed by sunlight reflected by mirrors. Electric power now been installed.

be the encouragement of a new try for interior Liberia, namely, aising of goats for a milk supply.

Christ Brings New Life

e many sufferings and inade- es of health and happiness can anged. Many of these conditions eing changed. Our small hospital rzor and our dispensaries at var- mission stations are performing onumental task in relieving hu- suffering and in saving many but much more needs to be That is why our mission plans uild a larger hospital. It will be ew Phebe Hospital at Bonita, far in the interior where the needs are great and where no doctors are available to answer the medical needs of the inhabitants.

What will such a hospital provide? It will foster a pre-natal program for mothers. It will see that mothers and babies receive the best of care at the time of birth. Baby clinics become a part of the hospital and mothers are gradually taught to bring their babies for check-ups and for advice about what to feed their little ones. Above all, the Mission hospital makes people aware that God cares for them and for their children.

As men and women hear from their neighbors of the wonders wrought by the doctors and nurses in the hospital, they become more and more ready to make the same venture in healing and health. Even to the little hospital at Zorzor, villagers come from as far away as three days' walking distance. The good news goes far and the people shake off the grip of the witch doctor and the bush medicine man. Christ has come among them, for in the hospital and the dispensary, they learn who he is, who has sent these wonder workers into their midst. He is the Christ, the Saviour of Men, the Lord of Life. They begin to understand the reason for our missionaries and they are ready to trust those who preach the Gospel. Christian medical work is an immensely effective instrument in evangelism.

Epiphany Objective

The Epiphany Appeal, an annual event conducted by the Board of Foreign missions has for its objective in January, 1951, the raising of $50,000 for the new Phebe Hospital in Liberia. All Sunday schools are asked to take part in this appeal. The proj is education, for it aims to give to c people a knowledge of the work our Lord in Liberia. A recording H been made which runs ten minu (five minutes on each side) descr ing the story which the pupils hold their hands in the form of a book of pictures from Liberia. Sund schools will be provided with enou picture booklets so that each pu may have one in his hands to foll the story on the recording. F schools which cannot use the reco ing a script will be available whi someone with good practice can re while the pupils follow the story the pictures. Both for the educatio value and for the sake of the offeri for the Phebe Hospital, the men of t church may very well express th interest through the Sunday scho Pastors and superintendents will r ceive word about this project from t Board of Foreign Missions, 231 Ma son Avenue, New York City. Anyo who wishes further information m readily apply to the Board of Forei Missions.

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WHAT DOES YOUR FACE SHOW?

"YOU ARE from the seminary, aren't you?"

This question often greets candidate workers of the American Seminary of the Bible, Brooklyn, N.Y., when they enter stores in the neighborhood of the seminary buildings. They don't need to mention where they are from. Their faces are a striking contrast to the restless, careworn, worldly faces at which the storekeepers usually look.

A photographer who has taken pictures for a number of the candidate workers said, "I saw, as I studied the negatives of your photographs, that your faces expressed something which I cannot explain." —The Prophetic Word

PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

r Brothers:

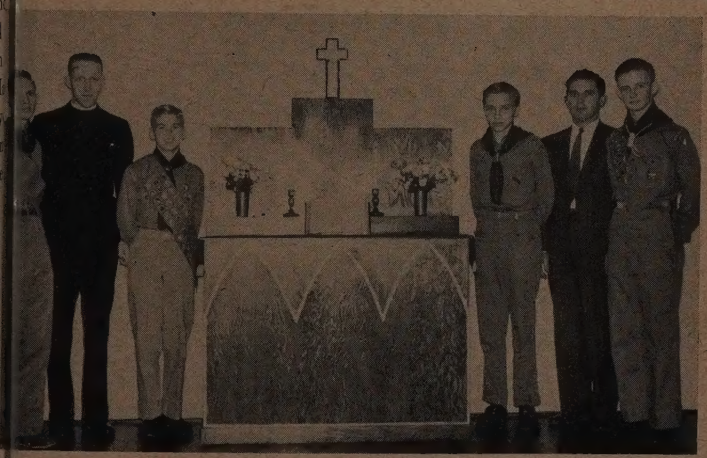
My most sincere best wishes for a New Year filled with Love, Peace and opiness for each of you.

There are well-known ways to enjoy at least some of the above condi-s:

Attend your church services regularly.
Engage in your local church activities.
Work in and for the Brotherhood *evangelism* program.
Pray daily and institute family worship in *your* home.
Witness Christ by living Christianity.

Yours in Christian Brotherhood,

Ralph J. Watkins



Boy Scouts shown here are members of Troop 4, Emmanuel Lutheran Church, olnton, N.C. Left to right: Star Scout Grady Lee White, Pastor Henry A. McCul-gh Jr., Eagle Scout John Albert Cromer Jr., Star Scout Frank David Heafner, utmaster H. Fred Rudisill, Star Scout James Franklin White. They are grouped ut the altar the scouts made as a specia project for the PRO DEO ET PATRIA rd, which was presented to each one of them on Nov. 19. The troop is sponsored he brotherhood of the church.

NEWS

"WE WERE the laughing stock when we proposed a few years ago organic Lutheran unity in Europe. However, with the help of God we succeeded. These same persons who laughed at us at that time are hindering this same kind of unity in our own country." Thus spoke Dr. P. O. Bersell, president of the Augustana Evangelical Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minn., at the Reformation festival last October in Technical High School auditorium, Omaha, Nebr. "Hot hearts" was the subject of his message, in which he declared that if the hearts of Americans were warm with understanding love there would be a real revival in this country. The festival was held under the auspices of the Inter-Synodical Lutheran Brotherhoods of Omaha, and was attended by 1400 persons. The inter-synodical group plans to hold devotional services at county institutions, such as the poor farm, old people's homes, and hospitals, according to a report by President William F. Kedde, of Omaha.

A CHURCH award that will recognize outstanding work of members of the 4-H club is being planned by several Lutheran bodies, and will be given to club members who fulfill certain requirements of service to their organization and to the church. Tentative requirements include a satisfactory record in 4-H club activit 150 hours of service to the chu club and community, a knowledg the church's teachings, regular B reading, and a special church or c project. A similar award is now be made by most Lutheran churches boy scout work. Initiated by Brotherhood of the Evangelical L eran Church, this program is be studied by representatives of American Lutheran, Augustana L eran, Lutheran Free and Misso Lutheran churches, as well as leaders.

NEW OFFICERS of the West Virg ia synodical Brotherhood are: pr dent, O. H. Lindow, Charlestow vice president, Paul Spring, Wh ing; secretary, F. A. Hegma Charlestown; treasurer, David P. kins, Parkersburg; executive comm tee member, H. D. Swartzentrub Oakland, Md. They were elected the 20th annual convention, wh was held as a retreat at Jackson's M on Oct. 21 and 22. A new constituti approved by the administrative co mittee at ULC Brotherhood headqu ters, was adopted.

PAYMENTS of 135 per cent of deficit-fund quota to the ULC Broth hood, of $99 to the stewardship ra held in Reading, and of $100 to stewardship committee of the syn were reported by the synodical Bro

ood of the Ministerium of Penn-ania at its 30th annual conven- in St. Peter's Church, Philadel-a, on Nov. 11. Speakers at the vention were the Peter J. Dex- assistant director of evangelism the ULC, Kiyoshi Yamada, of the ngelical Lutheran Church in Ja-, who was a delegate to the ULC therhood convention in Cedar ids, and the Rev. Floyd L. Eich- pastor of Advent Church, Phil-lphia. The president reported that successful rallies were held dur- the year; the one at the laymen's eting at synod and the other at the esonia amphitheater, at which the n were challenged with a presenta- n of the program of evangelism. se officers were elected by the therhood of the Ministerium of nsylvania: Edward Schotzberger ancaster, president; John G. Wal- of Hazelton, vice president; War- Kramer of Lansdale, secretary; rge S. Christman of Kutztown, as-ant secretary; William D. Haring Philadelphia, treasurer, and Ern- C. H. Haller of Northampton, mber of the executive committee three years. Leonard F. Ashford Philadelphia remains a member the executive committee for two rs, and Maurice Walborn of Cres-a, for one year.

THE FARGO-MOORHEAD Federation Brotherhoods, consisting of the therhoods and men's clubs of 13 heran churches of the American, gustana, ELC and ULCA bodies adopted the project of building a Lutheran student center near the North Dakota State College in Fargo. S. A. Johnson, former president of the North Dakota District Brotherhood, has been elected chairman of the fund-raising campaign. The lot, ideally located near the campus, has already been purchased.

The Golden State Lutheran reports that a committee composed of the Rev. Charles A. Miley, pastor, First Lutheran Church, Fresno; Franz Jensen, Oakland, and Luther Vestergard, North Hollywood, was appointed to make a survey of the brotherhood work of the synod, and to present recommendations to the executive committee regarding the expansion of this all-important branch of our church. A series of four meetings during 1951 was advocated, beginning with a meeting at each church on the most convenient date in January. The first subject proposed was "Evangelism." Its relationship to the synod, the churches, and to individual members will be discussed in a "topic paper" to be sent to all pastors and brotherhood presidents. This "topic paper" will be a part of a complete program that will be both effective and easy to arrange. Through prayer, the ultimate goal to be attained is *A Brotherhood in Every Church.*

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY Earle W. Bader spoke on "Scouting Serves the Church" at a boy scout charter presentation service in November in St. John's Church, Emmaus, Pa., the Rev. Paul F. Spieker, pastor.

Honorary Life Membership

By P. G. BEER

Remember your Brotherhood officers and friends

THE 17th BIENNIAL convention of the Brotherhood of the United Lutheran Church in America at its convention in Cedar Rapids on October 2 adopted unanimously and without any discussion the recommendations of the committee on Honorary Life and In Memoriam Memberships. So thoroughly had the committee, the administrative committee and the executive committee studied and analyzed this report that there were no questions or discussions on the floor when the report was presented.

The report concluded with these recommendations:

1. That the Brotherhood of the United Lutheran Church in America establish Honorary Life and In Memoriam Memberships.

2. That an Honorary Life and In Memoriam Secretary be appointed by the executive committee of the Brotherhood of the United Lutheran Church in America and that all synodical and conference brotherhoods be asked to appoint such secretaries. That the Honorary Life and In Memoriam Secretary receive no remuneration except for expenses in his work.

3. That the general principles fo Honorary Life and In Memoria Memberships herewith given shall h the plan of the Brotherhood of th United Lutheran Church in Americ for such Memberships.

The report was prepared and pre sented by this committee: Williar Shetlock, treasurer of the ULC Brotherhood; Earle W. Bader, execu tive secretary of the ULCA Brothe hood; Aubrey Mauney, secretary o the ULCA Brotherhood and Phare G. Beer, chairman, member of th ULCA Brotherhood administrativ committee.

The committee's report include the general principles for Honorar Life and In Memoriam Membership which are given below.

Honorary Life Memberships

Any person, Brotherhood or othe organization upon the payment o $10.00 or more may give or becom an Honorary Life Member. Any num ber of these memberships may be tak en out by or given to the same person

All Honorary Life Members receiv a certificate, a membership card an an Honorary Life Membership but

This membership does not re- e the person honored or donor n the payment of local dues or other Brotherhood obligations. A on need not be a member of any therhood to become an Honorary Member in the general organi- on.

he list of Honorary Life Members the year is published in the July e of *Lutheran Men.*

he local brotherhood through ch an Honorary Life Membership iven receives credit for it, as do conference and synodical brother- ds to which the local belongs.

In Memoriam Memberships

eceased brotherhood officers and kers, Christian leaders and friends be honored with an In Memor- Membership at $50.00 or more. ne person has been enrolled as an Honorary Life Member, he or she may be transferred to the Memorial Roll by the payment of $40.00. Any number of In Memoriam Memberships may be taken out for the same person.

In Memoriam Memberships entitle the donor to a certificate only. These memberships may be taken out for anybody. The pictures of In Memoriam Members for the year will be printed in the August issue of *Lutheran Men* without additional cost. When no photographs are furnished such members will be listed in the same issue with the names of the brotherhood, other organization or individual memorializing them. The names of those whose pictures and names appear in the In Memoriam list will not be duplicated in the list of Honorary Life Members.

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esettlement Resolution

"It is a natural!" commented Dr. Franklin Clark Fry

HE ADMINISTRATIVE committee of Brotherhood of The United Luth- a Church in America, in stated ting assembled, with a full con- at onal quorum present, at Bethle- , Pa., on Nov. 4, 1950, unani- asly adopted this resolution:

Whereas thousands of innocent ims of World War II are hope- ly stranded in camps abroad; and Whereas the people of the United es of America, through the action heir Congress and further by executive order, have offered asylum to these unfortunate homeless; and

Whereas the National Lutheran Council, through its resettlement service, is endeavoring to assist selected and worthy Lutheran families among these displaced persons to realize this opportunity; and

Whereas there seem to be indications of remissness in this important Christian duty on the part of us, more fortunate Lutherans; therefore be it

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Lutheran College Sports

STRICKEN WITH polio for a year and a half and told he'd never walk again, Bill Varble, at five, used a kid-sized football to work a shriveled right leg back to normal, and last fall, at 19, became a star sophomore halfback for Wittenberg College, Springfield, Ohio. The slender, six-foot, 158-pounder led his squad in ground gaining and was among the leaders in Ohio Conference scoring. An all-sports star, Bill earned seven letters in two years in four sports while in high school—in football (halfback), basketball (guard), baseball (outfield) and track (broad jump). He's planning to continue to participate in these four sports during his stay at Wittenberg. Bill is a Lutheran.

DESPITE THE handicap of an artificial leg, Marty Martzall, baseball pitcher last spring from Muhlenberg College, Allentown, Pa., has drawn headlines from coast to coast for his participation in intercollegiate athletics. He is now doing graduate work in German at the University of Colorado. Marty, who hails from Muddy Creek Parish, Denver, Pa., lost the lower part of his left leg when he stepped on a land mine while on night patrol back of the Siegfried Line in November, 1944.

BILL VARBLE
He conquered polio . . .

FOOTBALL as a major sport w discontinued for an indefinite peri at Hartwick College, Oneonta, N. The board of trustees announced November that the move was ma because of an expected shortage men resulting from the enforceme of the Selective Service law and b cause "the expense involved in ma taining an adequate squad of qual fied football players is out of th question during the years immed ately ahead."

HIS 26th year of coaching at College, Greenville, Pa., Pro- r John B. Stoeber produced his undefeated and untied football in six seasons of play. His part- n the coaching staff was Joseph bo, who was a member of Thiel's undefeated and untied team. year's team ranked among the n's best offensive aggregations, ng 206 points and allowing op- nts to account for only 13 points. aining his successful season, h Stoeber, who is a Brotherhood said, "It was the type of boy."

EPS TOWARD the construction of eld House are being taken at enberg College, Allentown, Pa., the project will be financed by raised independently of the Y appeal, unless the final amount ed from CHEY goes above the ,000 regular allotment.

REEN BUT good," was the ver- of Head Coach Benny Borgman, queried on the 1950-51 basket- prospects of Muhlenberg Col- Allentown, Pa. "We'll have a ger team this year. We'll have to repared for surprises and upsets, ve will also show some fireworks elves. You can count on that."

COACH JOHN B. STOEBER
Unbeaten and untied

THE WAGNER College (Staten Island, N.Y.) Seahawks completed what Coach Jim Lee Howell termed a "successful football season." The gridders won only three games and lost six, compared with last year's seven victories, one loss, and one tie, but the wins this season were "big ones," including the Mariners of Kings Point, 13-6, Hofstra, 20-19, and C.C.N.Y., 14-0.

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MORE MINISTERS IN THE MAKING

ENROLLMENT in 21 Lutheran theological seminaries in the United States and Canada totaled 2,529 students — an increase of 18.2 per cent over last year — according to figures compiled by the Division of Public Relations of the National Lutheran Council.

There was a decrease of 2,482 students — 9.5 per cent from last year's enrollment — in 31 Lutheran four-year colleges in the United States and Canada.

Boy Scouts

By GEORGE A. EICHLER

NEW YEAR resolutions to make 1951 a great year in scouting in our church are now in order. Naturally we hope that you will carry to a favorable conclusion all such good resolutions. Every troop comittee should take inventory of its scouting activities and plan with the scoutmaster and assistants for better scouting in 1951.

MERIT BADGES may now be passed by second class scouts. The realignment of the merit badge plan makes this possible in all but eleven cases. This is a good idea because it makes it possible for younger boys who have the enthusiasm and are not so preoccupied with other activities to start earlier on the road to Star, Life, and Eagle ranks.

THE RECORD shows that 43 Lutheran scouts are receiving the For God and Country award instead of the *Pro Deo et Patria* award. There is nothing the matter with the For God and Country award, which is designed for Protestant scouts generally, but we do believe that Lutheran scouts should be given the opportunity to work for the distinctly Lutheran award un the personal direction of the sco pastor. The requirements also di slightly in that they are distinc Lutheran. If you are in doubt ab this award write to Brotherhood he quarters, Bethlehem, Pa., and y will receive detailed answers to y questions on the *Pro Deo et Pat* award.

SCOUT SUNDAY will be observed February 11 as a part of scout an versary week. Please make the m of this day. Local councils alwa have a program for scout anniversa week and they generally suggest t each troop make its own arran ments for Sunday, so get ready w your plan. Carefully prepared s gestions are being sent out fr Brotherhood headquarters, which w help you plan your day. Plans alwa include attendance at one of church services. Scout troops shou attend church services in a body s eral times a year. This is an excell way to show the congregation t strength, appearance and other go points about the troop.

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COD LIVER OIL

A GIFT from Canadian Lutheran World Relief of 94 barrels of cod liver oil has been distributed in the eastern zone of Germany, to be used primarily by children suffering from rickets or tuberculosis.

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Message From Headquarters

By EARLE W. BADER

JANUARY and February, 1951, have again been designated as Brotherhood loyalty months. This is the time set apart each year for a special effort to extend the influence of the Brotherhood by the establishment of new congregational units in the churches which do not enjoy the blessing of organized men's work.

Brotherhood loyalty months are also the time to arrange your program and select the speakers, and assign the *Lutheran Men* topics for the ensuing year.

Brotherhood loyalty months provide an unequalled opportunity to engage in an intensive promotion of the Ten Objectives in the local congregation. The first three objectives, better known as spiritual objectives, are especially emphasized during this period, which immediately precedes the Lenten season. An increasing number of congregations are assigning to their brotherhoods the task of conducting a pre-Lenten visitation to bring in the unchurched and win back the lapsed members.

1951 Dues Statements

Twenty-five synods will participate in the 1951 joint dues plan. The uniform dues statements for use in all synods of the church are a step in the direction of simplicity and gre effectiveness in handling the syn cal and ULCA membership dues p ments. These statements were supp by Brotherhood headquarters to of the synodical brotherhoods will operate the joint dues plan 1951. We have been assured of cooperation by our synodical brot hood officers in getting the dues st ments into the mails by January 1

If your brotherhood or bible c has not received its 1951 joint d statements by January 15, and you located in the territory of any of following synods, may we ask you notify your synodical brot hood treasurer, whose name appe below:

California Synod—G. J. Grieve, The Alameda, Berkeley, Califor

Canada Synod—Robert Krug, T stock, Ont., Canada

Central Pennsylvania Synod—J C. Falk, 1325 S. Cameron St., H risburg, Penna.

Florida Synod—Fred G. Hoegr 1721 Orlando Circle N., Jacks ville 7, Florida

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(Wilkes-Barre Conference)—Norman E. Huseman, 27 S. Pine St., Summit Hill, Penna.
(German Conference)—Warren S. Kramer, P.O. Box 205, Lansdale, Penna.
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West Virgnia Synod—David P. Atkins, 1001 Jackson Ave., Parkersburg, West Virginia

Brotherhoods and Bible classes located in other synods of the church, who do not receive their 1951 dues statements promptly, should write to Brotherhood headquarters, Market and New streets, Bethlehem, Pa.

Individual Membership Cards

A further step in the direction of a more efficient distribution of the individual membershp cards will be made this year. These cards, in suffi-

cient quantities for the active membership of each brotherhood, will accompany the 1951 statements from our synodical and conference treasurers. This new method will make it possible for the individual members of the congregational brotherhoods to receive their current year's cards as soon as their dues are paid.

1951 Charter Seals

The payment of your 1951 membership dues will also entitle you to receive a handsome blue and gold lithographed charter dues seal.

Your brotherhood charter should be prominently displayed in your meeting room, and is a constant reminder to your congregation and visiting brethren that your men's group is loyal and punctual in meeting its obligations. We believe you will agree with us that the 1951 dues seal is one of the finest we have produced.

If you have neglected to remit your 1950 dues, please act immediately and we will forward your current charter seal without delay.

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Union City, New Jersey

For the sixth consecutive year t flourishing brotherhood, under aggressive leadership of the R George R. F. Tamke, D.D., has unique honor of being the first c gregational men's group to re their ULCA membership dues. John's Brotherhood does not wait a dues statement. They remitted 60 active members for 1951 seve months ago.

It would be wonderful indeed if majority of our brotherhoods wo follow the example of St. Joh Brotherhood and remit their dues the ensuing year during the last qu ter of the current year. This pl would not only save valuable t and printing and mailing costs, bu would also enable the synodical a ULCA brotherhoods to budget th income and plan their promotio programs accordingly.

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MODERN TRAGEDIES

1. Millions of American people worshipping a little white ball on Sunday mornings.
2. Additional leisure hours for mankind — more working hours for the devil.
3. Where profit is really loss — regaining on Sunday morning what we lost Saturday night.
4. Placing our confidence in a "brain trust" and failing to trust the Omniscient.
5. Pushing aside the interference of religious convictions to gain yardage in the field of business.
6. Neglecting to put on the brakes in time when the car of "Family Difficulties" swerves toward the ditch of "Divorce."
7. Bringing up our children in the "nurture" of an easy life.
8. Having a good time by tickling ourselves with senseless and trivial frivolities.
9. A selfish passion to go forward by making the other fellow go backward.
10. Sacrificing a splendid heritage of virtues on the altars of greed, dishonesty, and graft.

—Lutheran Beacon

HE BROTHERHOOD IN ACTION

CHARLES F. BROBST

Serving Service Men

JR YOUNG men are again being d into the service of our coun- Here the brotherhood and other s groups of our congregations a real opportunity. These young need to have and maintain their acts with the home church. The herhood is a logical medium ugh which this can be done. hat can be achieved in this di- on? Imagination, interest and ative will uncover scores of pro- that will warm the hearts of the in the armed forces. The follow- ist is only a sample of possibili- it is in no way exhaustive.

Give them a copy of the New ament and Psalms and prayer when they leave for the service.

Send them the church bulletin all other informative material e available to the congregation.

Send a devotional booklet, such Light for Today," regularly.

Subscribe to and send church odicals like *The Lutheran, Luther- len.*

Make up monthly packets ready nailing with stamps attached con- ng the church bulletin, "Light for ay", mimeographed letter, and in- members of the congregation to one. Name and address of send- ould be added.

Portion names to members of the brotherhood. Let such men take a special interest in the boy assigned to him.

7. Write personal letters regularly.

8. Take an interest in their homes. Visit them and write to the boys about it.

9. Send pictures of important events in the congregation.

10. In some communities the newspaper sends the paper gratis to the boys. The brotherhood could report to the paper when the boys leave and help keep their addresses up-to-date. If the paper is not sent free the brotherhood might subscribe.

11. Have intercession services, praying for world peace and protection of our youth in the services.

12. A letter to the chaplain telling of the young man's presence, his church connection, is helpful.

13. Remember their birthdays with a card, letter or small gift.

14. At Christmas the boys would be greatly cheered to receive some token of good will from the home congregation.

15. If the young man's wife follows, send a notice to the nearest Lutheran pastor.

16. Occasionally print the names and addresses in the church bulletin so that members of the congregation can write to them.

EDUCATION FOR LIVING

By EARL S. RUDISILL

Resolutions

NEW YEAR is an arbitrary date—not a naturally good time for starting anything. It is midway between the autumn revival of activity and the climax at Easter. Sentiment, however, has imparted to it a certain strategic value, and we may well make use of it. Resolutions may serve a worthy purpose, but only if they well up from inner recesses of the soul. Too frequently they are mere froth on the surface of emotional thinking.

Resolutions — Wise and Otherwise

Some resolutions are made just because it is New Year's day. It's the thing people are talking about, and jesting about, and it's the thing to do. It's like eating doughnuts on Shrove Tuesday or shooting on July 4.

Resolutions may be a superficial recognition of certain needs of varying degrees of importance—some of which could better be handled without any resolving. It appears that some such decisions serve no other purpose than to furnish something to talk about. The resolvers certainly do not reckon with basic facts—human or other types. Empty and impractical expressions get us nowhere, and in good time.

Sets of resolutions are generally worthless. There are too many of them, and they are something grafted onto life rather than something that springs from it.

Resolutions Can Help

If there are certain pronoun needs which can be met by a new continued type of action, which with'n human possibilities, a reso tion will help us to mobilize powers and feelings so as to carry out persistently. But God's help personal will will be needed.

The less projects one underta and the more meaningful they are, better are the prospects of stick to them and gaining one's object If they are in line with inherent man urges they will be less difficult carry out.

Only if such resolves are Christi in character will they be worth form lating and deserving of the eff which will be required. We have be discriminating about the lines effort to which we give ourselv Many projects which look rath worthy on first glance may on clos examination turn out to be as mu pagan as Christian—not worthy our interest or labors.

No matter how worthy projects resolutions may be, unless they a backed by our deeper attitudes, wi and persistence they will probab fade and disappear. In this matter could well consider Horace Greeley advice, "Be sure you're right, th go ahead."

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Enriching Spiritual Life

By OSCAR C. HANSON

Measurement and promotion of spiritual life and growth

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THERE IS no standing still in sp ual life. Either there will be co ued enrichment or spirtual life wane.

For many of us our spiritual began in early childhood at the l tismal font, when as children we v placed into the arms of our Savi This new life created in baptism n be nurtured. In his great comman the Christian Church Jesus Ch said, "Go ye . . . baptize and tea (Matthew 28:19-20). The two n go together. The saving faith pla in the heart of the child by the H Spirit in baptism must be fed and ercised.

Constant Growth

At the earliest possible age child should learn that Jesus is Saviour. Unfortunately children sometimes taught that if they are g and do the best they can they reach heaven. This is impossible. is only through faith in Jesus, Christ of their baptism, who died their sins, that they can be saved.

In adolescence, the child exp iences a change. The exact age wh this change takes place depends the physical and mental developm of the child. Sin now becomes m more real. There is sorrow for

rue confession to God. There is oy in trusting in Jesus Christ as aviour who died for our sins. promises found in the Bible of tion in Christ become very real personal. The spiritual life cre- in baptism is growing.

is spiritual life, for adults as as adolescents, is more than ing about Christ. A person may knowledge about Christ and ot have a saving faith. The head be full but the heart empty. ual life is not built on feelings motions. A living faith comes you look away from yourself God's Word, and stand on his ises alone.

y Must There Be Growth?

e cannot stand still. It will either forward or it will slip back- In many places of Scripture the tian is commanded to grow in ual stature (II Peter 3:18). The ll needs spiritually strong men he following reasons:

We are living in a critical and gic age. Never before has man held in his hand the weapons of potential destruction which he holds today. Albert Einstein, one of the great scientific minds of our age, said recently that in his judgment the hydrogen bomb holds the capability of destroying all life on this planet. This H-bomb age demands strong men who know they belong to Christ and will dare to live by his precepts.

2. *The devil, the world, and our own flesh are constantly striving to overthrow the kingdom of Christ.* Facts like the following make us realize the gravity of the battle that is facing Christ's army today: (1) The sacred institution of the home is being threatened in America. More than 502,000 marriages end in divorce in a single year—one divorce for every three marriages. Some authorities believe that there will soon be one divorce out of every two marriages. (2) The crime wave has hit an all-time high. (3) Communism and other anti-Christian forces are making mighty advances and are taking a heavy toll in many countries in the world. Even

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al Committee:
ur H. Getz, chairman; Charles E. John- Oscar Leonardson, E. V. Morton, Carl ock.

o point out why Christians should con- strive for intellectual and spiritual .

o provide a standard or procedure for rs of the Brotherhood to measure their tual and spiritual growth during the ear.

o suggest practical steps which Brother- men may take, individually and as an zation, to promote such growth.

ure to make use during the meeting of ignments that were made in preparation a meeting. If plans have been made to project the filmstrip Toward Bold Endeavor be sure to allow sufficient time.

Worship:

Hymn: "As Pants the Heart for Cooling Streams" No. 257 C.S.B. or No. 226 P.S.H.

Scripture: Colossians 3:1-17

Free Prayer

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Hymn: "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" No. 261 C.S.B., or No. 227 P.S.H.

The topic

Hymn: "May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill" No. 269 C.S.B., or No. 281 P.S.H.

Prayer, including the Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Business

Fellowship and Refreshments

America is a target for this attack. (4) Spiritual ignorance and indifference are shaking the very foundations on which America is built. A recent Gallup Poll revealed that 53 percent of the adult population interviewed could not name any of the first four books of the New Testament. About 50 percent of the American people do not even claim any affiliation with a church.

3. Discipleship in our day requires strong men, wholly committed to Christ. Our Saviour said, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." (Matthew 16:24). The cross is again playing a prominent part in Christian life. Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a martyr in the church in Germany during the recent war, said in his stimulating book, *The Cost of Discipleship*, "When Christ calls a man, he bids him come and die." Christ needs and wants such brave men in his army today.

How Shall We Measure Ourselves?

Daily personal examination is necessary if there is to be spiritual growth. To grow, we must daily pray the words of the psalmist, "Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts" (Psalm 139:23). The following questions might well be asked by all Brotherhood men as they seek spiritual growth:

1. Who or what holds first place in my life? What is my first thought in the morning and the last at night?

2. Do I see God as Christ revealed him, as holy Father and righteous Lord, or do I picture him as fate, accident, or the harmless "dear" God

3. Do I realize that my time longs to God?

4. What stands between me my parents, parents-in-law, my bo

5. Is there someone whom I fe can't forgive? Why not?

6. Are there personal sex probl in my life, or am I free from th difficulties?

7. Has all which I possess been quired by honest methods? Am true steward?

8. To whom have I lied, and c cerning whom have I given false unkind reports by word of mouth by pen?

9. With which people do I co pare myself? Whom do I envy?

10. Am I entirely pure in thoug words, and deeds? How about motives?

There can be no spiritual gro if a person is not willing to deal h estly with his sins.

Here are additional questions use in checking our spiritual life:

1. Do I know that my sins are given—that Christ is my saviou

2. How much time do I spend Bible reading each day? Do I en my Bible?

3. Do I experience power in daily prayer life?

4. Do I experience victory in personal Christian life, or am I liv a defeated life?

5. Do I find joy in being w Christians who pray, love the Bi and witness to their faith?

6. Do I sense a deep need for

's Supper?

Do I find joy in sharing my ex-
nces in Christ with others, or am
ıamed of Jesus Christ?

Am I burdened for a lost soul?

Do I know the peace of mind
can be found in Christ alone? Do
ılly take God at his Word?

Have I read a good Christian
during the last month?

These questions should be used
for private examination and for
ıssion at the Brotherhood meet-

What Can We Do?

ne following are some of the
gs that can be done to attain per-
l spiritual growth:

Daily acknowledge and confess
sins. Sins should be mentioned
ifically by name.

Take a stand for Christ and
estly strive to live for him. To
, we cannot compromise with the
d. Jesus says, "He that is not with
s against me" (Matthew 12:30).
promise with evil clogs the chan-
so that the Spirit of God is not
to do the work that is necessary
personal spiritual growth.

Remember that if there is to be
tual output there must be spirit-
intake.

Feed your soul *daily*. Many peo-
are in a weak and sickly spiritual
dition because of insufficient spir-
l food. It is just as impossible to
on a high spiritual plane all
on one sermon as it is to live all
on the Sunday dinner. We must
ire the sincere milk of the word,
we may grow thereby" (I Peter 2:2). There is no short cut to spiritual growth. We must read the Bible, underline it, memorize it, love it, study it, live it. This is the key to personal spiritual growth. Satan would make us believe we are too busy. But we find time for things we consider essential. If daily Bible reading becomes a *must* on our schedule we will *take* time for it.

5. Daily spend much time in prayer. If we stop breathing we die. If we stop praying we will die spiritually. The daily prayer closet is a "must" for spiritual growth.

6. Regularly take your place at the Lord's table to receive the body and blood of Christ in Holy Communion. Here we receive power to live and grow in Christ.

7. Regularly attend all worship services. Love for the Word of God should also bring us regularly to Bible classes where we may study the Scriptures.

8. Practice the Christian life. Live Christ, confess him, serve him. Some people do not grow spiritually because they have never dared even to talk to a friend about Christ. A survey in a large Lutheran Sunday school showed that only 5 percent of the children had ever heard their dads pray. Something is wrong when parents do not pray with their children.

The following are some of the things that can be done to promote spiritual growth within the Brotherhood:

1. Promote Bible study. A fifteen minute Bible study conducted by the pastor at the beginning of a Brother-

hood meeting has brought a great blessing to many churches. Men are encouraged to use their Testaments or Bibles in this study.

2. Share Bible passages. Much blessing has come as men have shared favorite Bible passages, or those that pertain specifically to the topic for the evening, either from memory or with the use of Testaments or Bibles.

3. *Group memorization* of specific Bible passages has been an encouragement to a large number of men.

4. Conduct short Bible quizzes or Bible hunts. They can be made to add interest, and they stimulate earnest Bible reading.

5. Promote prayer fellowship. Short sentence prayers by members of the group at the opening of the program have been found effective. Agree on special prayer projects for the group, both for the prayer fellowship at the meeting and for the private prayer closet.

6. Plan a hymn sing. Hymns related to the topic for the evening should be carefully selected. A good song leader should be chosen. A short history of each hymn will add much to this devotional period.

7. During the topic discussion focus attention on the Bible as much as possible. Seek the key to the solution of problems in God's Word.

Questions for Discussion

In addition to the two sets of questions found above under "How Shall We Measure Ourselves?" attention may be devoted to the following:

1. What are some of the hindrances to spiritual growth in life today?

2. When is a man too busy daily Bible reading and prayer?

3. How can we get more value of the Bible? What methods of Bi study have been found to be the m helpful?

4. How can our Brotherhood me ings be of greater assistance to personal spiritual growth?

Suggestions for Action

1. Keep a daily record of perso Bible study carried on for one mon

2. Arrange for a display of go Christian devotional books. Ord sample copies for your display fr your publishing house.

3. Arrange for occasional short views of outstanding books t members of the Brotherhood ha found helpful for spiritual growth.

4. Write to The Lutheran Bible stitute, 1619 Portland Ave., Minn polis, Minn., for folders and inform tion on the Correspondence Ho Study Bible Courses. Distribute th to the men of your Brotherhood as additional encouragement to perso Bible study.

Our Church Services

Assignments for the March Meeti

In March we will devote our atte tion to the third Brotherhood obj tive, "Increase attendance at chur services." To insure a helpful me ing the assignments found bel should be made. The third assig ment is intended particularly for lea ers. It will not be possible to read the books, but any of them will p vide background for the discussion the topic.

1. Make a study of church atte

n your congregation:

(a) Have a committee make up a chart or graph showing the Sunday by Sunday attendance of your church during the past year.

(b) Make up a chart comparing attendance figures for several years, if possible.

(c) During the next month, keep a record of the church attendance by sex and age groups (men, women, children, aged, middle-aged, young people, etc.) Before the next meeting, have man inquire of ten non-churchgoers their reasons for not attending church.

3. Suggested reading:

Meditations for Men, Daniel Russell.

A Firm Faith for Today, Harold Bosley.

Can Those Bones Live?, Roger Babson.

Screwtape Letters and *Christian Behavior,* C. S. Lewis.

Something About Kierkegaard, David F. Swenson.

The Self You Have to Live With, Winfred Rhoades.

The Faith of a Protestant, W. Burnet Easton.

BROTHERHOOD was organized this n Trinity Church, Concord, N.C., ev. B. D. Castor, pastor, accordto a report received from R. n McAllister.

IE AUGUSTANA Brotherhood d:d old a regular convention in conon with the Church's synod in hington, D.C., last June, choosing r to meet separately next spring.

ugustana Men reports that the *Deo et Patria* program is growing ily.

DAVID MICHAEL Long Jr., of Shamokin, Pa., president of the student council of Muhlenberg College, Allentown, Pa., was unaniomusly selected by the scholarship committee of the college as the recipient of the Lutheran Brotherhood Insurance Society student scholarship. Last spring Mr. Long originated and conducted Muhlenberg's Institute of Christian Living, in which the college body and its friends and neighbors in the community and sister institutions of the Lehigh Valley united in devotional, instructional and dramatic development of the Christian student's relationship to his environment.

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32nd ANNIVERSARY OFFERING

Did your Brotherhood or Bible class send a 32nd anniversary offering to Brotherhood headquarters? If you have overlooked this matter, may we respectfully suggest that your men's group receive a free-will offering at your next meeting? Please indicate same is for the Anniversary Fund and forward to Brotherhood headquarters, Market and New Streets, Bethlehem, Pa. Your contribution will bring a two-fold blessing — to your Brotherhood in joyful sharing — and to the new brotherhoods that will be established through your gift.

THE EDITOR'S PAGE

To Receive or Give?

When an attempt was made to tie up a men's group of a certain congregation with the ULC Brotherhood, the question was asked, "What will we get out of it?" The implication was: If we join the ULC Brotherhood will all our problems be solved for us? Can we be assured of success in our local work?

Such questions are to be expected in a day when people are thinking increasingly of what they can get out of life instead of what they can put into it. We expect plans and programs to do miracles for us; confident that the providence of organization will carry us through. We want things done for us, through social security, television, radio, church, government.

But no organization can save us. Not even the church. Unless we ourselves have faith in God and respond to his mercy, no organization can carry us through in spite of ourselves. Instead of exempting anybody from obligations, organizations impose new duties.

The ULC Brotherhood can help all local men's groups do a job they cannot do alone, but it will not do the job for them. It can be the focus of combined planning and action, but it can never take the place of local effort.

The Brotherhood is an *auxiliary* of the church. This means that it is set up to *help* do the work of the chu —not to be a *beneficiary* of church. Men of the church should s to do the work of the Lord, and Brotherhood can help them do t work better, in one combined eff

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CHEY — Winning a Won Game

A complicated and exacting ga chess is a contest in which the l of only a pawn—other factors be equal—will determine the outcome a match between two experts.

A good player knows that one the most difficult undertakings chess is to win what is termed "won" game—a situation in whi perhaps after lengthy and brilli playing, one contestant has a winni advantage, however slight it may He is then tempted to relax a bit. H opponent, having nothing to lose, doubles his efforts and invites comp cations that may bring him victory.

CHEY is "won". We have go over the top. But the contest is n yet over. This year will determi whether or not we will do what promised.

If we relax now, waiting for CH to complete itself automatically a miraculously, we shall be like a ch player who has a "won" game bef him, but will lose because he d not realize that a "won" game must won.

(*continued from page* 11)

esolved, That, we, the duly elected ers of the Brotherhood of the Uni- Lutheran Church in America, in true spirit of our accepted objec- , and further as an auxiliary of United Lutheran Church in erica and thereby bound to the ole work of the whole Church", by pledge ourselves to actively port this Christ an-brotherly pro- m; and be it further

esolved, That, we entreat all fel- "men of the Church", both pas- and laymen, to do likewise in the it of Jesus Christ, to the end that ast one additional displaced fam- ind work and a home in our God- ted haven, through the assistance ach United Lutheran congrega- al unit; and be it further

esolved, That, copies of this re- tion be prepared and dispatched ne president and secretary of the A, the members of the executive mittee and officers of the Brother- l of the ULCA, and to the ed tors *he Lutheran, Lutheran Men* and r official ULCA publications and ne presidents of every synod and dical Brotherhood in the ULCA, olicit their respective co-opera- in carrying this program forward *ediately*; and be it further

esolved, That, copies of this re- tion be prepared and mailed to presidents of each Lutheran herhood whose parent organiza- is affiliated with the National eran Council, as a suggestion they too adopt the same resolu- and endorse *immediate action* in furthering this program throughout their respective church bodies.

Signed by direction of
the administrative committee
The Brotherhood of the ULCA
Ralph J. Wohlsen, President

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